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As part of a five-volume series, this collection of biographical sketches of Asian Americans who have made contributions to life in the United States profiles individuals who are role models for all children. Written at a reading level for grades five to six, the biographies feature Asian Americans of different ethnic backgrounds, exploring the racial prejudice and discrimination they have faced and describing the triumph of spirit that has made each successful. Volume V includes biographies of: (1) Florence Hongo, Japanese American educator; (2) I. M. Pei, Chinese American architect; (3) Maxine Hong Kingston, Chinese American author; (4) Sammy Lee, Korean American doctor and Olympic diving champion; and (5) Joan Chen, Chinese American actress. A glossary provides definitions to help children understand the biographies. (SLD)

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